

What is claimed is:

1. A system for processing reproduction-frequency information, comprising:

5 a plurality of terminals each configured to record one or more pieces of information and to reproduce the recorded information; and

10 a server system communicably connected with the plurality of terminals via communication means and configured to perform statistic processing on a reproduced condition of the recorded information at the terminals,

15 wherein each terminal comprises

information calculation means configured to calculate reproduction-frequency information, every piece of the one or more pieces of recorded information, depending on the reproduced condition of each of the one or more pieces of recorded information,

20 information memorizing means configured to memorize the calculated reproduction-frequency information,

information reproduction-frequency request receiving means configured to receive from the server system a request for the reproduction-frequency information, and

25 terminal transmission means configured to transmit the memorized reproduction-frequency information to the server system; and

wherein the server system comprises

information request means configured to request a certain terminal for the reproduction-frequency information,

30 reproduction-frequency information receiving means configured to receive the reproduction-frequency information from the terminal, and

statistic processing means configured to perform the statistic processing based on the received reproduction-frequency information.

35 2. The system according to claim 1, wherein each of the terminals comprises

identification sign request means configured to, in cases where it is impossible for the terminal to identify a piece of recorded information, transmit, to the server system, characteristic data extracted from the

35 recorded information and to request the server system for an identification sign to identify the recorded information, and

identification sign receiving means configured to receive from the server system the identification sign of the recorded information, and
wherein the server system comprises

5 identification sign request receiving means configured to receive from a certain terminal the identification sign request means as well as the characteristic data,

10 recorded-information determining means configured to determine whether or not the received characteristic data is the same as characteristic data corresponding to recorded information previously registered by making comparison between both of the characteristic data, and

15 identification sign transmitting means configured to transmit to the terminal an identification sign corresponding to registered record information about characteristic data which has been determined to be the same as the received characteristic data,

wherein the terminal transmission means is configured to transmit to the server system the identification sign corresponding to the reproduction-frequency information as well as the memorized reproduction-frequency information, and

20 the reproduction-frequency information receiving means is configured to receive from the terminal the identification sign corresponding to the reproduction-frequency information as well as the reproduction-frequency information.

25 3. The system according to claim 1, wherein the calculation means is configured to calculate the number of times of reproduction every time when the recorded information is continuously reproduced longer than a given period of time.

30 4. The system according to claim 1, wherein the terminal transmission means is configured to transmit only reproduction-frequency information indicative of a frequency higher than a reference frequency previously determined.

35 5. The system according to claim 1, wherein the recorded information includes information indicating sound.

6. A method of processing reproduction-frequency information, which is carried out in a reproduction-frequency information processing system comprising: a plurality of terminals each configured to record one or more pieces of information and to reproduce the recorded information; and a server system communicably connected with the plurality of terminals via communication means and configured to perform statistic processing on a reproduced condition of the recorded information at the terminals, the processing method comprising the steps of:

10 calculating reproduction-frequency information every piece of the one or more pieces of recorded information depending on the reproduced condition of each of the one or more pieces of recorded information, the calculation being carried out in each of the terminals;

15 memorizing the calculated reproduction-frequency information, the memorization being carried out in each of the terminals;

receiving from the server system a request for the reproduction-frequency information, the reception being carried out in each of the terminals; and

20 transmitting the memorized reproduction-frequency information to the server system, the transmission being carried out in each of the terminals;

requesting a certain terminal for the reproduction-frequency information, the request being carried out in the server system;

25 receiving the reproduction-frequency information from the terminal, the reception being carried out in the server system; and

performing the statistic processing based on the received reproduction-frequency information, the performance being carried out in the server system.

30 7. A server system included in a reproduction-frequency information processing system according to claim 1, the server system comprising:

the information request means;

the reproduction-frequency information receiving means; and

the statistic processing means.

8. A terminal included in a reproduction-frequency information processing system according to claim 1, the terminal comprising:

the calculation means;
the information memorizing means;

5 the reproduction-frequency information request receiving means;

and

the terminal transmission means.

9. An information processing terminal comprising information processing means configured to perform information processing using information derived from the statistic processing carried out in a reproduction-frequency information processing system according to claim 1.

15 10. A recording medium in which a server program is recorded so that the server program is recordable by a server computer incorporated in the server system according to claim 1, wherein the server program allows the server computer to function as:

the information request means;
20 the reproduction-frequency information receiving means; and
the statistic processing means.

11. A recording medium in which a terminal program is recorded so that the terminal program is recordable by a terminal computer incorporated in the terminal according to claim 1, wherein the terminal program allows the terminal computer to function as:

the calculation means;
the information memorizing means;
the reproduction-frequency information request receiving means;

30 and

the terminal transmission means.